

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Minister for Transport & Tourism).— I beg to lay.

“Accounts and Audit Report of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation for the year 1975-76, as required under section 33(4) of the Road Transport corporation Act, 1950.”

SECRETARY.— I beg to lay on the Table,

“The Karnataka Societies Registration (Amendment) Bill, 1978 as passed by the Legislative Council.”

MR. SPEAKER.—the Papers are laid.** The Hon'ble Chief Minister would like to make a tatement regarding the quota for weaker section s in appointments etc.,

Statement by the Chief Minister

Re. Reservation in Promotional Vacancies for S.cs and S.ts

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—The Constitution of India has provided for reservation of appointments in Civil Services in respect of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes. In accordance with these provisions, the Government of India and all State Governments have framed rules, providing for reservation of appointments to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

In our State, we have reserved 15% of the appointments and 3% of the appointments made by direct recruitment to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively. But, the percentages of candidates belonging to these categories in actual position, particularly in the higher rungs of the State Civil Services, are far less than those reserved for them. It is found that the nu ber of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes in Class I and Class II Services of the State works out to less than 5% of the total number of Class I and Class II posts and the percentage of candidates belonging to Scheduled Tribes in Class I and Class II services is only about one. The corresponding percentages in respect of Class III posts are 7.5 and 0.7.

The State Government have been considering for some time past, steps that could be taken to give adequate representation to candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, particularly in the higher cadres. It would, indeed, take many years

** the Bill is appended as Annexure to this voalume.